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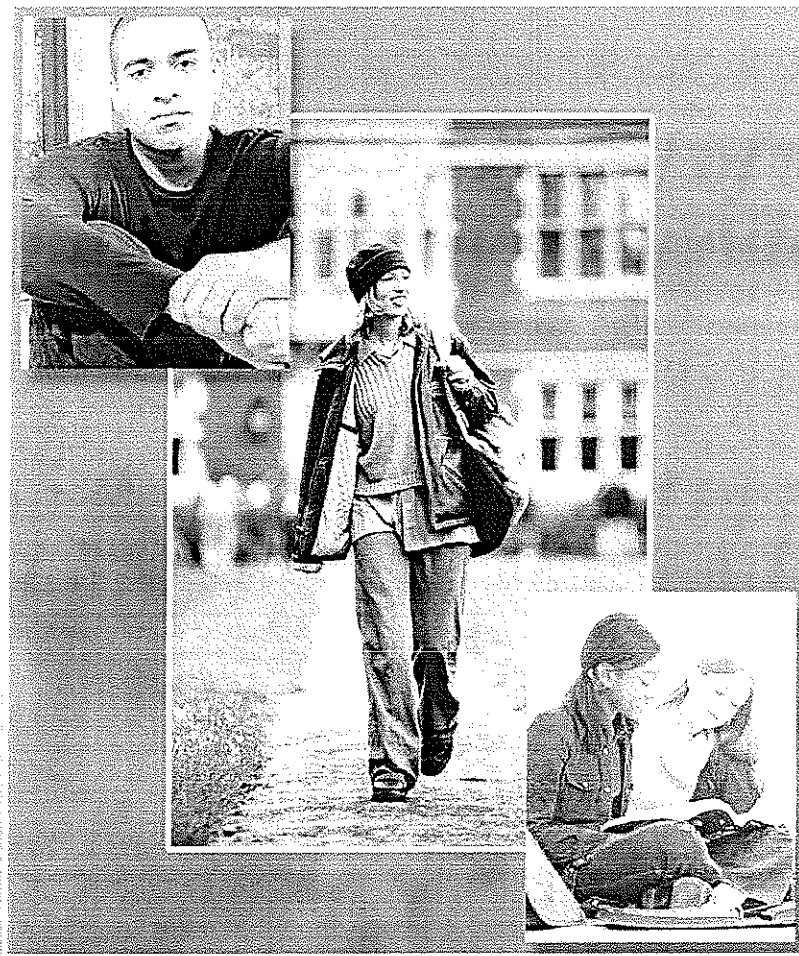
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Fraternities, sororities, military organizations, athletic groups, and marching bands commonly are associated with hazing activities. Although such organizations have been linked to hazing activities, the fact that different entities and organizations have different definitions and perceptions of hazing has hindered any real effort to challenge and combat such activities. The purpose of this study was to

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investigate whether the activities students define as hazing differed among the selected student organizations. This study discovered statistically significant differences ($p < .05$) among the selected student organizations for physical hazing activities and psychological hazing activities, as well as statistically significant differences ($p < .05$) between women and men for physical hazing activities, psychological hazing activities, and other hazing activities. This study also identified 10 activities students in all groups identified as hazing, which moves us toward a common definition of hazing.

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The researchers assess the relationship of fraternity/sorority membership and semester of recruitment on grade point average (GPA) and student retention, adjusting for covariates through sub classification by propensity score. The findings suggest a consistent positive relationship between fraternity/sorority membership and retention and a varying relationship between fraternity/sorority membership and GPA. Fraternity/sorority membership has a negligible effect on GPA over time, with the exception of the recruitment and pledging semester.

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